GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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NATIONAL POLICY ON HYDRO DEVELOPMENT
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA;UTTAMRAO NATHUJI DHIKALE

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any comments/ suggestions on the proposed National Policy on Hydro Development;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of hydro-electric power projects in the country and particularly in the State of Karnataka?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b): The Government has already announced a Policy on Hydro Power Development in August, 1998. The objectives of the Hydel Policy are to ensure target capacity addition during the Ninth Plan; exploitation of vast hydro-electric potential at a faster pace; promoting small and mini hydel projects; strengthening the role of PSUs/SEBs for takingup new hydel projects; increasing private sector participation, etc.

(c): The details of sanctioned/ongoing hydro electric schemes in the country is given in Annex. In Karnataka, Brindavan [2x6 MW] and Sharavathi Tail Race [4x60 MW- Unit-I Rolled] are scheduled for commissioning in 2001-02 and Sarpadi [3x30 MW] in 2002-03. Efforts are being made in consultation with the Government of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu to promote hydro-electric projects in the Cauvery basin which could not be taken up due to inter-state river dispute. NHPC would be prepared to execute Shivasamudram 270 MW, Mekedatu 550 MW, Rasimanal 200 MW and Hogenakkal 120 MW subject to their coming to a mutually satisfactory agreement on sharing of power from these projects. In the case of Upper Krishna HEP also involving inter-state aspects, the Supreme Court in its judgement on 25.4.2000 has allowed the dam height to be raised at 519.6 meters for the Almatti Dam. The project developer is finalising the revised Detailed Project Report.